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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

SASABE, TORU

Examiner

Ryan D. Coyer

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 2/25/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/31/2008
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose nor render obvious the claimed subject matter as recited in amended Claims 1-5 and 7-14 (to be renumbered 1-13, respectively), especially regarding the amended independent Claims 1, 9, 12 and 14, and their following respective limitations comprising:

"a transmitter that transmits video data and audio data read from the recording medium, using a first area and a second area, respectively, to said video display apparatus via said interface bus, and

a controller that controls said transmitter to transmit, at the time of a software update for said video display apparatus, update software read from the recording medium to said video display apparatus via said interface bus, using a third area for transmission of additional data that is different from said first and second areas, while indicating the software update to said video display apparatus, wherein

said interface bus includes a data line that transmits the video data, the audio data, and the additional data, a clock line that transmits a clock signal, and a control line that transmits a control signal,

said first area is a video period of the video data, and said second and third areas are present in a blanking interval of the video data, and

said transmitter outputs a clock signal to said clock line while transmitting, in

synchronization with the clock signal, the update software via the data line using said third area." (Claim 1)

"a receiver that receives the video data and the audio data transmitted by said data reproduction apparatus via said interface bus, using said first area and said second area, respectively, and receives update software transmitted in synchronization with the clock signal output to said clock line by said data reproduction apparatus, using said third area other than said first and second areas;

an audio output unit that outputs a sound based on the audio data received by said receiver;

a video display unit that displays an image based on the video data received by said receiver;

*a processor that controls said video display unit and said audio output unit; and
a storage that stores software for said processor, wherein*

said processor updates, upon reception of the update software transmitted via said interface bus using said third area by said receiver, and indication of a software update by said data reproduction apparatus, the software stored in said storage using the update software received by said receiver." (Claim 9)

"a transmitter that transmits video data and audio data read from the recording medium, using a first area and a second area, respectively, to said video display apparatus via said interface bus; and

a controller that controls said transmitter to transmit, at the time of a software update for said video display apparatus, update software read from the recording

medium to said video display apparatus via said interface bus, using a third area for transmission of additional data other than said first and second areas, while indicating the software update to said video display apparatus, wherein

said interface bus includes a data line that transmits the video data, the audio data, and the additional data, a clock line that transmits a clock signal, and a control line that transmits a control signal,

said first area is a video period of the video data, and said second and third areas are present in a blanking interval of the video data, and

said transmitter outputs a clock signal to said clock line while transmitting, in synchronization with the clock signal, the update software via the data line using said third area" (Claim 12)

"transmitting, at the time of a software update for said video display apparatus, update software read by said data reproduction apparatus from the recording medium to said video display apparatus via said interface bus, using a third area for transmission of additional data other than a first area for transmission of video data and a second area for transmission of audio data;

indicating the software update to said video display apparatus by said data reproduction apparatus;

receiving by said video display apparatus, upon indication of the software update by said data reproduction apparatus to said video display apparatus, the update software transmitted via said interface bus using said third area; and updating the software for said video display apparatus using said received update

software, wherein

said interface bus includes a data line that transmits the video data, the audio data, and the additional data, a clock line that transmits a clock signal, and a control line that transmits a control signal,

said first area is a video period of the video data, and said second and third areas are present in a blanking interval of the video data, and

transmitting the update software comprises outputting the clock signal to said clock line while transmitting, in synchronization with the clock signal, the update software via the data line using said third area." (Claim 14), in the context of the remaining limitations of the claims, and as best illustrated by Fig. 1 of the as-filed specification.

As argued in Applicant's remarks, the closest prior art of record, Kahn et al., "does not disclose: a transmitter that outputs a clock signal to a clock line while transmitting, in synchronization with the clock signal, update software via a data line, as recited in claims 1 and 12; a receiver that receives update software transmitted in synchronization with a clock signal output to a clock line by a data reproduction apparatus, as recited in claim 9; or a method which includes outputting a clock signal to a clock line while transmitting, in synchronization with a clock signal, update software via a data line, as recited in claim 14." (Remarks dated 9/2/2008, pg. 13-14).

Furthermore, Kahn and the remaining cited prior art of record do not anticipate nor in any combination render obvious the claimed recitation of a data reproduction apparatus (defined in the specification as, e.g., a DVD player), connected via an

interface bus to a video display apparatus (defined in the specification as a television) such that "a transmitter that transmits video data and audio data using a first area and a second area, respectively, and a controller that controls the transmitter to transmit update software to the video display apparatus using a third area . . . the interface bus includes a data line and a clock line that transmits a clock signal . . . the transmitter outputs a clock signal to the clock line while transmitting, in synchronization with the clock signal, the update software via the data line using the third area." (Remarks dated 9/22/2008, pg. 11) as recited in Claim 1 and analogously recited in the remaining independent claims.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RYAN D. COYER whose telephone number is (571) 270-5306, and whose fax number is 571-270-6306. The examiner can normally be reached via phone on Mon-Thurs, 9a-7p. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen, can be reached on (571) 272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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